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**U.S. INDICTS MUSIC EXECUTIVE, D.J. FOR IMPORTING
AND TRAFFICKING ECSTASY AT NIGHTCLUBS AND PARTIES**

JAMES B. COMEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that a federal grand jury in Manhattan returned an indictment today against the leaders and other members of an ecstasy trafficking ring responsible for the importation and distribution of tens of thousands of ecstasy pills around the nation.

WILLIAM MENDOLA, a/k/a "Billy," a/k/a "B," a/k/a "Neil Stephenson," a dee jay, and GLENN OLSON, a/k/a "G," a/k/a "Benny Siegel," the President of Interstate Records, a record company based in Las Vegas of which MENDOLA is also a principal, were indicted along with seven others.

The Indictment returned today is the result of a long-term joint investigation undertaken by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Investigations, formerly the United States Customs

Service, and the New York City Police Department.

According to the Indictment and a previously filed Complaint, the Mendola/Olson Organization, which was based in New York City and Las Vegas, obtained ecstasy pills abroad, primarily in Western Europe, and then transported them to various cities around the United States, including New York City; Orlando, Florida; Chicago, Illinois; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Las Vegas, Nevada, through commercial couriers such as Federal Express and through personal couriers who physically carried the narcotics into the United States. Wholesale quantities of these pills were distributed to lower-level dealers who sold the ecstasy in, among other places, night clubs and parties in New York and Las Vegas.

The other defendants named in the Indictment - MICHAEL GALLEGOS, a/k/a "Mikey G;" DAVIS REID, a/k/a "Dave;" MICHAEL LOIACANO, a/k/a "Mikey L;" BLAKE KANTOR; CALEB MARRERO; ROBERT KRILICH; and RANDY DAVILA - allegedly worked for the Mendola/Olson Organization in various capacities, including as distributors and dealers, and by receiving the Fed Ex packages and maintaining stash houses where the drugs were stored. Two members of the organization have previously pled guilty to federal narcotics charges in connection with their role in the organization.

Thus far, the investigation has resulted in the seizure of approximately 25 kilos of ecstasy with a street value of approximately \$2.5 million.

Mr. COMEY praised the investigative efforts of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Investigations, and the New York City Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorneys GLENN C. COLTON and ROSEMARY NIDIRY are in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Indictment and Complaint are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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